

State Water Resources Control Board

Division of Drinking Water

March 24, 2017
System No. 1510015

Mr. Douglas Nunneley, General Manager
Oildale Mutual Water Company
P. O. Box 5638
Oildale, CA 93388

RE: Citation No. 03_12_17C_008
Nitrate Monitoring and Reporting Violation
For the 2016 Calendar Year

Dear Mr. Nunneley:

Enclosed is a Citation issued to the Oildale Mutual Water Company (hereinafter "Water System") public water system.

The Water System will be billed at the State Water Resources Control Board's (hereinafter "State Board") hourly rate (currently estimated at (\$161.00) for the time spent on issuing this citation. California Health and Safety Code, Section 116577, provides that a public water system must reimburse the State Board for actual costs incurred by the State Board for specified enforcement actions, including but not limited to, preparing, issuing and monitoring compliance with a citation. The Water System will receive a bill sent from the State Board in August of the next fiscal year. This bill will contain fees for any enforcement time spent on the Water System for the current fiscal year.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Adam Forebes of my staff at (559) 447-3137 or me at (559) 447-3300.

Sincerely,



Tricia A. Wathen, P.E.
Senior Sanitary Engineer, Visalia District
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BRANCH
DRINKING WATER FIELD OPERATIONS

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cc: Kern County Environmental Health Department

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER

Name of Public Water System: Oildale Mutual Water Company

Water System No: 1510015

Attention: Mr. Douglas Nunneley, General Manager

P. O. Box 5638

Oildale, CA 93388

Issued: March 24, 2017

CITATION FOR NONCOMPLIANCE
NITRATE MONITORING AND REPORTING VIOLATION
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 22, SECTION 64432.1(a)
2016 Calendar Year

The California Health and Safety Code (hereinafter "CHSC"), Section 116650 authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board (hereinafter "State Board") to issue a citation to a public water system when the State Board determines that the public water system has violated or is violating the California Safe Drinking Water Act (hereinafter "California SDWA"), (CHSC, Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4, commencing with Section 116270), or any regulation, standard, permit, or order issued or adopted thereunder.

1 The State Board, acting by and through its Division of Drinking Water (hereinafter "Division")
2 and the Deputy Director for the Division, hereby issues this citation pursuant to Section 116650
3 of the CHSC to the Oildale Mutual Water Company (hereinafter "Water System") for violation of
4 CHSC, Section 116555(a)(1) and California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Section
5 64432.1(a).

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7 A copy of the applicable statutes and regulations are included in Appendix 1, which is attached
8 hereto and incorporated by reference.

9 10 **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

11 The Water System is classified as a community water system with a population of 26,000
12 persons served through 8,120 service connections.

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14 Pursuant to CCR, Title 22, Section 64432.1(a), the Water System is required to collect one
15 source sample for nitrate from each source and report the results via Electronic Data Transfer
16 (EDT) annually. During the 2016 calendar year compliance period, the Water System failed to
17 collect nitrate samples from Well 03 (Primary Station Code: 1510015-033) and Well 12A
18 (Primary Station Code: 1510015-009).

19 20 21 **DETERMINATION**

22 The Division has determined that the Water System has failed to comply with nitrate monitoring
23 and reporting requirements pursuant to CCR, Title 22, Section 64432.1(a).

24 25 **DIRECTIVES**

26 The Water System is hereby directed to take the following actions:

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28 1. Comply with CCR, Title 22, Section 64432.1, in all future monitoring periods.

2. On or before **July 1, 2017**, notify all persons served by the Water System of the violation of Section 64432.1(a), in conformance with Sections 64463.7(b)&(c) and 64465. Copies of Sections 64463.7 and 64465 are included in Appendix 1. The Water System may utilize the Consumer Confidence Report to meet the requirement of notification within a one year period.
3. For a water system with a monitoring and testing procedure violation, the following language shall be included: "We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not your drinking water meets health standards. During the 2016 calendar year, we did not complete all monitoring or testing for nitrate from Wells Nos. 03 and 12A, and therefore, cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that time."
4. Complete Appendix 2: Compliance Certification Form. Submit it together with a copy of the public notification required by directive 2 to the Division on or before **July 10, 2017**.
5. The Water System shall ensure that monitoring is conducted annually for nitrate from all its active sources and that the laboratory submits the analytical results to the Division via EDT no later than the 10th day of the month following completion of the analyses.
6. The Water System shall collect and report the 2017 annual nitrate sample result from Wells Nos. 03 and 12A by **May 10, 2017**.

All submittals required by this Citation shall be electronically submitted to the Division at the following address. The subject line for all electronic submittals corresponding to this citation shall include the following information: Water System name and number, citation number and title of the document being submitted.

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The State Board reserves the right to make such modifications to this Citation as it may deem necessary to protect public health and safety. Such modifications may be issued as amendments to this Citation and shall be effective upon issuance.

Nothing in this Citation relieves the Water System of its obligation to meet the requirements of the California SDWA (CHSC, Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4, commencing with Section 116270), or any regulation, standard, permit or order issued or adopted thereunder.

PARTIES BOUND

This Citation shall apply to and be binding upon the Water System, its owners, shareholders, officers, directors, agents, employees, contractors, successors, and assignees.

SEVERABILITY

The directives of this Citation are severable, and the Water System shall comply with each and every provision thereof notwithstanding the effectiveness of any provision.

FURTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTION

The California SDWA authorizes the State Board to: issue a citation or order with assessment of administrative penalties to a public water system for violation or continued violation of the requirements of the California SDWA or any regulation, permit, standard, citation, or order issued or adopted thereunder including, but not limited to, failure to correct a violation identified

1 in a citation or compliance order. The California SDWA also authorizes the State Board to take
2 action to suspend or revoke a permit that has been issued to a public water system if the public
3 water system has violated applicable law or regulations or has failed to comply with an order of
4 the State Board, and to petition the superior court to take various enforcement measures
5 against a public water system that has failed to comply with an order of the State Board. The
6 State Board does not waive any further enforcement action by issuance of this Citation.

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15 Appendices (2):

- 16 1. Applicable Statutes and Regulations
17 2. Compliance Certification Form



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